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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Rao et al.

Serial No.: 10/789,465

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For: PERSISTENT EXPRESSION OF

CANDIDATE MOLECULE IN PROLIFERATING STEM AND PROGENITOR CELLS FOR DELIVERY OF

THERAPEUTIC PRODUCTS

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 31, 2006, which was responsive to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.